

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 777

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Randy Hammon, Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association's Outstanding Practitioner of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly recognize those citizens who, through their dedication to their chosen profession, bring credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Hammon is one such exemplary citizen who received the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association's Outstanding Practitioner of the Year Award on March 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) award honors veterinarians who have practiced at least ten years and who contribute to veterinary standards, techniques, treatments, and practice methods; it is not necessarily awarded annually, but only when there is a worthy recipient; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the veterinary field, Dr. Hammon is the chair of the TVMA's State Peer Review Committee, a member of the TVMA's Legislative Committee, and regularly testifies before the General Assembly on behalf of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, as part of his mentorship of future veterinary professionals, Dr. Hammon worked with Chattanooga State Community College and the Board of Regents to develop an accredited Veterinary Technician program for the Chattanooga Tri-State region; and

WHEREAS, a certified member of the American Society of Veterinary Journalists, Dr. Hammon represents veterinary medicine in television, radio, and print media; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammon volunteers his time with the Humane Educational Society Board, the Companion Animal Initiative of Tennessee Board, the East Tennessee Veterinary

Medical Foundation Board, and the Advisory Board to the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hammon helped create and serves on the board of the Regional Institute for Emergencies and Referrals and established a collaborative relationship with the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine while serving on the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine Dean's Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Dr. Hammon is a deacon at his church and served on many Christian medical missions for both people and animals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Hammon is an exceptional veterinarian, humanitarian, and community leader, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and applaud Dr. Randy Hammon for being named the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association's Outstanding Practitioner of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.